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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brian Wong et al.

Application No.: 10/039,761

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For: MODULATORS OF LEUKOCYTE
ACTIVATION, COMPOSITIONS AND
METHODS OF USE

Examiner: Joseph F. Murphy

Art Unit: 1646

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5, 11-15, drawn to methods of screening for bioactive agents capable of modulating the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, encoded by SEQ ID NO: 1.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the four groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-IV would not place a substantially greater

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burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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